Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Oh yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the result of the enquiry?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is more or less as a result of those enquiries that the final report has been submitted by the Superintendent.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were these petitions enquired into and did they come to any final conclusion after the enquiry into these petitions?

President.—You want to know whether the Government have come to a final decision?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Whoever arrived at the final conclusions? No final conclusion is arrived at. The Superintendent has submitted his report that this is necessary. That is the result of the enquiry.

Improvement of the Peishkar road in Irinjalakkuda.

144. Mr. A. L. Antony.—Will the Government be peleased to answer the following:—

(1) whether there was any petition from the public of Irinjalakkuda for widening and improving the Peishkar road at Irinjalakkuda;

(2) whether there was any order to include the work in the budget of 1105;

(3) if the answer is in the affirmative, what action was taken thereon and how it was disposed of; and why the work was not executed in 1105?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) No petition from the public of Irinjalakkuda praying for the widening and improvement of the Peishkar road in particular has been received. There was however a petition referring generally to the unsatisfactory condition of the lanes connecting the Irinjalakkuda main road and the Kakkathuruthi road and praying particularly for improving the lane from a point opposite the Anchal Office.

(2) No.

(3) The question does not arise.

Construction of a vakils' room for the Irinjalakkuda Munsiff's Court.

145. Mr. A. L. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following:—

(1) whether there is any proposal for constructing a vakils' room in the Irinjalakkuda Munsiff's Court and what was the final order thereon;

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(2) whether any estimate was prepared and sanctioned therefor ;

(3) if the answer to No. (2) is in the affirmative, why it was not executed ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) There was a proposal to improve the existing building and this had to be given up as it was thought that the necessary accommodation could not be had without constructing an entirely new building.

(2) The estimate for the proposed new building has not been prepared.

(3) Vide answer to (2).

Small-pox infection.

146. Mr. C. J. Mathew—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the places where small-pox raged during the course of the year 1105 ;

(2) what steps they took to prevent the disease in each place ;

(3) what is the total amount of expenditure the Government incurred in this connection up-to-date ;

(4) whether small-pox is raging anywhere now ;

(5) what has been the death rate per square mile during a week within each of the Municipal towns at the time small-pox raged in those places ;

(6) what all steps have been taken by each of the Municipal Chairman to prevent the epidemic and what expenses have been incurred by each of the Municipalities in this connection during the year 1105 ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) A list of the places is appended (*Vide Appendix II.*)

(2) (i) Vigorous campaign of vaccination and revaccination was set on foot in every affected place including its neighbouring villages.

(ii) In Municipalities, isolation of patients in the contagious sheds and in other places, admission of destitute patients in the contagious sheds attached to hospitals.

(iii) Disinfection of houses wherever possible.

(iv) People were induced to leave infected houses and live temporarily in other houses belonging to them or in the houses of their relatives or friends.

(v) Food relief to deserving patients.

(3) Rs. 6,848—4—0 excluding Rs. 4,000 given as contribution to the Councils of Mattancheri and Ernakulam.

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